held in July, 1980 that the minimum wages should be reviewed and revised, if necessary once at least in two years or on a rise of 50 points in the Consumer Price Index number, whichever is earlier.

[*English*]

Renovation of Shiv Mandir at Thane

6289. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESORCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any Memorandum for the rebuilt/ renovation of more the 1000 years old Shiv Mandir (Temple) at Ambernath, District Thane (Maharastra);

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM). (a) to (c). A letter has been received from the Ambernath Temple Renovation Committee for allowing them to carry out repairs including total restoration of the temple in its original shape.

The request could not be agreed to due to the non availability of authentic documents, drawings, photographs of the original format of the temple in full and it is against the principles of archaeological conservation to restore the missing parts of a monument without positive evidence. Besides, it is a centrally protected monument which has to be maintained and conserved by the Archaeological Survey of India. The temple is alreday included in the current years programme and some conservation measures have already been initiated.

[*Translation*]

Unemployed Persons Belonging to Scheduled Castes

6290. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to ascertain the number of unemployed persons among Scheduled Castes: and

(b) the number of unemployed Scheduled Castes in Punjab or Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No survey has been conducted to ascertain those number of unemployed persons among Scheduled Castes.

(b) The number of persons registered with the Employment Exchanges in the two States as on 31.12 1990 was as follows:

Orissa	=	1.4 lakhs
Punjab	=	1.75 lakhs

[*English*]

Wages for Labourers Engaged in Salt Production

6291. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have enacted any law regarding the minimum wages of the labourers engaged in the salt industry:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures adopted by the Union Government for the welfare of the salt labourers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b). Under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 the respective State Governments and Union Territory Administrations are the appropriate Government for fixation, revision and implementation of minimum wages in scheduled employments. The State Governments and U.T. Administrations fix and revise the minimum wages for labourers engaged in the Salt industry taking into consideration all the relevant factors.

(c) According to the information supplied by the Department of Industrial Development, various measures undertaken for welfare of salt labourers include, providing educational medical, housing, recreational and other facilities like provision of creches, construction of labour rest sheds, water coolars ect.

Adult Education Programme

6292. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) the estimated amount to be spent on adult education programme during the current year and the year, 1992;

(b) the amount sanctioned for adult education in Utter Pradesh and the amount spent so far:

(c) the number of persons literate under this programme; and

(d) the objectives fixed under the National Literacy Mission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) A sum of Rs. 131.15 crores were spent on the various schemes of adult education during 1990-91. The proposed out-lay for 1991-92 is Rs. 120.00 crores.

(b) A sum of Rs. 1114.05 lakhs were sanctioned under various schemes of adult education programme to the State of Uttar Pradesh in 1990-91. The report about expenditure of Rs. 944.05 lakhs has so far been received.

(c) Out of 19.97 lakhs learners enrolled, 16.02 lakhs were made literate as per prescribed norms under various schemes of adult education in Utter Pradesh during 1990-91.

(d) The National Literacy Mission envisages to cover 80 million adult learners by 1995.

[*Translation*]

Financial Aid to Organisations for the Upliftment of SCs/STs

6293. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise names of organisations in the country getting financial assistance for the upliftment of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) whether the Government have received any memorandum against such voluntary organisations; and

(c) if so, the state-wise details thereof?